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Petrogenesis and Geochemical Halos of the Amphibolite
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15 **Abstract**

16 The Palaeoproterozoic Kerry Road deposit is one of the oldest examples of
17 volcanogenic massive sulfide (VMS) mineralization. This small VMS deposit (~500,000 tons
18 grading at 1.2% Cu, 3.5% Zn) is hosted in amphibolite facies mafic-siliciclastic units of the c.
19 2.0 Ga Loch Maree Group, Scotland. Sulfide mineralization consists of pyrite and pyrrhotite
20 with subordinate chalcopyrite and sphalerite, occurring in disseminated, vein and semi-massive
21 to massive textures.

22 The deposit was highly deformed and metamorphosed during the c. 1.8–1.7 Ga
23 Laxfordian Orogeny. Textural relationships of deformed sulfide minerals, related to early
24 Laxfordian deformation (D1/D2), indicate initial high pressure-low temperature (100 MPa,
25 150°C) conditions before reaching peak amphibolite facies metamorphism, as evident from
26 pyrrhotite crossing the brittle/ductile transition prior to chalcopyrite. Late Laxfordian
27 deformation (D3/D4) is marked by local retrograde greenschist facies at low pressure and
28 temperature (<1.2MPa, <200°C), recorded by late red sphalerite remobilization. $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values
29 from all sulfide minerals have a homogeneous mean of $0.8 \pm 0.7 \text{ ‰}$ (n=21), consistent with
30 interaction of hydrothermal fluids in the host oceanic basalt-island arc setting envisaged for
31 deposition of the Loch Maree Group.

32 Microprobe analyses of amphiboles record evidence of the original alteration halo
33 associated with the Kerry Road deposit, with a systematic Mg- and Si- enrichment from
34 ferrotschermakite (~150 m) to Mg-hornblende (~90 m) to actinolite (0 m) on approach to the
35 VMS deposit. Furthermore, whole rock geochemistry records a progressive enrichment in Si,
36 Cu, Co, and S, and depletion in Al, Ti, V, Cr, Y and Zr with proximity to the VMS system.
37 These elemental trends, together with amphibole geochemistry, are potentially useful

38 exploration vectors to VMS mineralization in the Loch Maree Group, and in similar highly
39 deformed and metamorphosed terranes elsewhere.

40 Key words: Kerry Road Deposit, Volcanogenic Massive Sulfide, Lewisian Complex,
41 Alteration, S isotopes, sulfide deformation.

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43 **Introduction**

44 VMS deposits form within extensional geodynamic regimes such as mid-ocean
45 ridges, back-arc basins, and intraoceanic arc rifts (e.g., Swinden, 1991; Piercey, 2010, 2011;
46 Hannington, 2014). Their formation is generally followed by deformation during accretionary
47 tectonics that results in variable uplift, basin inversion, compressional deformation, and
48 metamorphism of the sequence(s) hosting the massive sulfide lens(es) (e.g., McClay, 1995;
49 Nelson, 1997). Deformation of VMS deposits is associated with strong rheological
50 differences between the massive sulfide lenses and the more competent silicate-rich host
51 rocks which commonly lead to significant remobilization of the sulfides (Cox, 1987;
52 Marshall and Gilligan, 1987, 1989, 1993). Mosier *et al.* (2009) in their VMS deposit
53 compilation (n=819) observed that only 3% of VMS deposits are hosted in unmetamorphosed
54 rocks. In contrast, 8.5% are hosted in sub-greenschist facies, 62% are hosted in greenschist
55 facies, 11% are hosted in amphibolite facies, 0.5% are hosted in granulite facies and 2% are
56 hosted in blueschist/eclogite facies. In metamorphosed deposits, the primary alteration
57 mineral assemblage changes to aluminous minerals (garnet, chloritoid, staurolite,
58 kyanite/andalusite/sillimanite and cordierite), orthorhombic Mg-Fe-Mn amphiboles and
59 gahnite (zincian spinel) (e.g., Nesbitt and Kelly, 1980; Corriveau and Spry, 2014; Hollis et
60 al., 2019). The final metamorphic assemblage depends on the peak metamorphic grade and
61 the original composition of the host rock and alteration zone. To date, most studies on
62 metamorphosed VMS deposits focused on mineralization hosted in metasedimentary and
63 felsic volcanic/volcaniclastic rocks (e.g., Nesbitt and Kelly, 1980; Barrett *et al.*, 2005;
64 Duuring *et al.*, 2016; Mathieu *et al.*, 2016; Hollis et al., 2019). It is expected that VMS
65 deposits hosted in metamafic rocks would contain a different mineral assemblage due to their
66 higher abundance of Mg, Fe and Ca. This study investigates the chemical composition of

amphibole at the metamafic-hosted Kerry Road VMS deposit. The deposit is located in the Palaeoproterozoic (~2.0 Ga) Loch Maree Group (LMG) of the Lewisian Complex near Gairloch, NW Scotland (Fig. 1). It was discovered by Consolidated Gold Fields Ltd in 1978 on the basis of geological similarities to Archean to Proterozoic VMS-hosting belts in Canada and Scandinavia (Jones *et al.*, 1987). The company drilled 87 cores in the Gairloch area, totaling 9189 m, and, although current outlined resources are sub-economic, it has repeatedly attracted exploration interest in Scotland (Jones *et al.*, 1987; Coates *et al.*, 1997; Colman and Cooper, 2000).

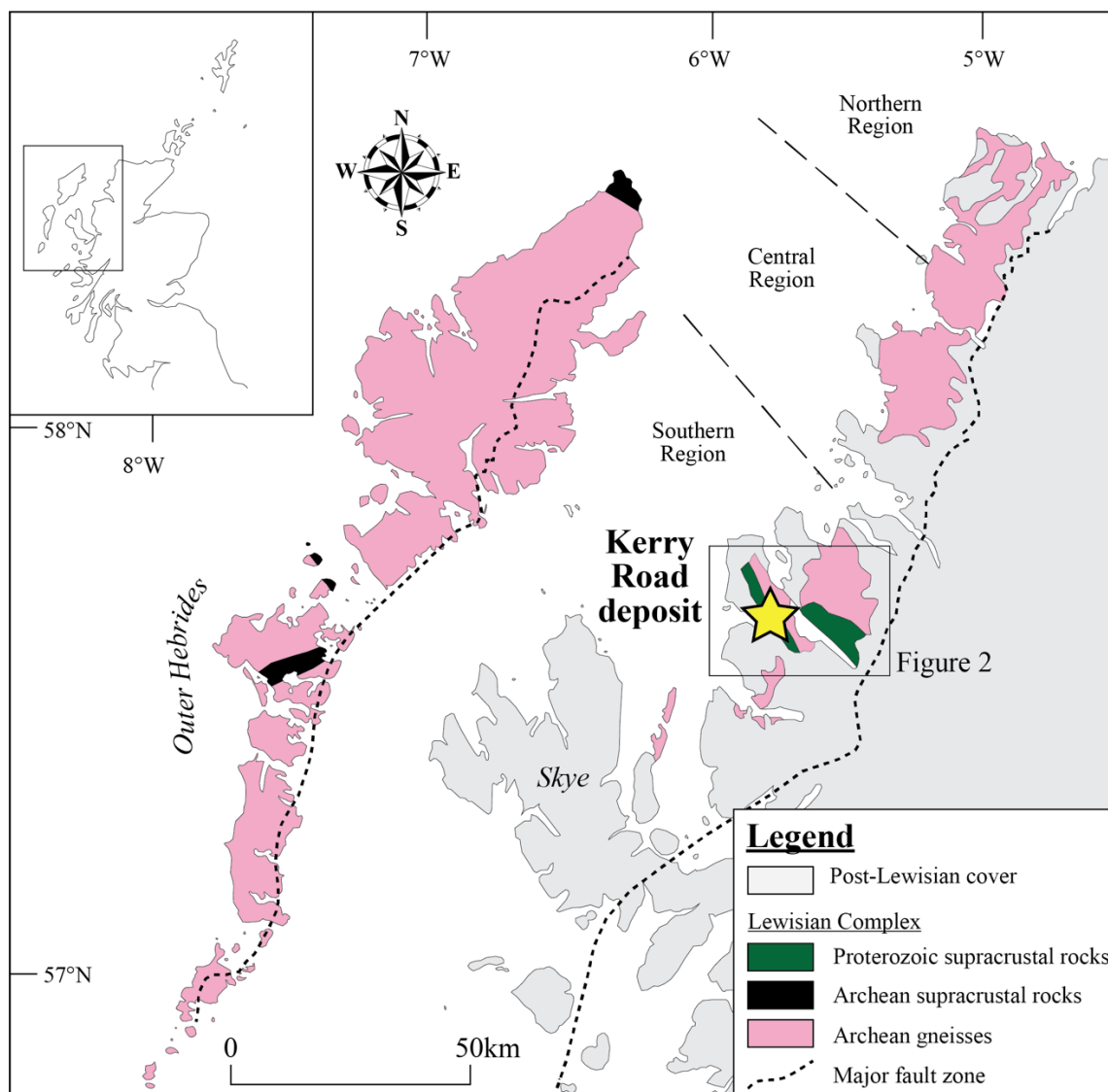


Figure 1. Simplified geological map of NW Scotland (modified from Coates *et al.*, 1997).

The LMG has been studied extensively, particularly its structural framework (Peach *et al.*, 1907; Park, 1964; Bhattacharjee, 1968; Park *et al.*, 1987, 2001; Droop *et al.*, 1999) and tectonic origin (Park *et al.*, 2001). Far fewer studies have focused on VMS mineralization in the LMG and their utility in enhancing understanding of the regional geology (Jones *et al.*, 1987; Colman and Cooper, 2000). Here we document the mineralogy, texture, deformation and sulfur isotope composition of the Kerry Road VMS deposit and surrounding rocks to evaluate their potential as exploration proxies within amphibolite facies metamafic volcanic sequences.

Regional Geology

Stratigraphy and Lithologies

The Lewisian Complex of NW Scotland consists mostly of Archean to early Proterozoic amphibolite to granulite facies metaigneous and subordinate metasedimentary rocks that experienced polyphase deformation (Davies 1978; Coward, 1990; Park *et al.*, 2001). On mainland Scotland, it forms a c. 200-km-long belt that is divided into three regions, consisting of a Central Region of granulite facies, which is bounded to the north and south by regions marked by amphibolite facies rocks. The LMG is part of the Southern Region and consists of metasedimentary and tholeiitic metavolcanic rocks that underwent amphibolite facies metamorphism related to what is termed the Laxfordian Event of c. 1.8-1.7 Ga (Park, 1964; Johnson *et al.*, 1987; Jones *et al.*, 1987; Whitehouse *et al.*, 1997; Park *et al.*, 2001). Although the exact tectonic setting remains speculative, the generally accepted model is an accretionary-subduction complex of oceanic plateau basalts (or primitive arcs) and associated abyssal sediments sandwiched between two Archean continental blocks (Park *et al.*, 2001; Wheeler *et al.*, 2010).

The LMG is divided into the Gairloch Schist Belt (GSB, ~36 km²), which host the Kerry Road deposit, and the Loch Maree Schist Belt (~60 km²) which are separated by the Loch Maree Fault (Johnson *et al.*, 1987). Both comprise broadly similar successions of tholeiitic metavolcanics, metapelites, metapsammities and rare banded-iron formation (of both oxide and silicate facies), calcitic-dolomitic marble, calc-schist and graphitic mica-schist (Johnson *et al.*, 1987; Droop *et al.*, 1999). Thin (typically <0.5 m), discontinuous exhalative horizons dominated by silicate and oxide facies are present locally between metavolcanics and metasedimentary units (Coates *et al.* 1997). Geochemical proxies on metasedimentary rocks (REE, LIL elements, and major and trace elements) indicate mixing between a dominant continental source (Lewisian gneissic basement) and a subordinate mafic volcanic source (Floyd *et al.* 1989).

The GSB is intruded by c. 1.98 Ga metagranitoids, are cross-cut by the c. 1.99 Ga Scourie dykes, and detrital zircons from metapsammities have yielded c. 2.0 Ga U-Pb ages (Park, 2001; Whitehouse *et al.*, 1997; Baker *et al.*, 2019). When combined, these provide narrow brackets on the timing of mineralization. All LMG rocks were metamorphosed to amphibolite facies during the 1.8-1.7 Ga Laxfordian event in which four phases of deformation are recognized (Droop *et al.* 1999; Park *et al.*, 2001). D1 and D2 were ductile deformation events associated with prograde condition that resulted in peak amphibolite-facies P-T conditions. Thermodynamic analyses for a suite of LMG rocks yield peak P-T conditions of 6.5 ± 1.5 kbar and 530 ± 20 °C (Droop *et al.*, 1999). Droop *et al.* (1999) defined D1 as a WNW-ESE stretching and D2 as deformation associated with top-to-NW thrusting culminating in intense mylonitization. Park *et al.* (2001) argues that the early D1 and D2 fabrics are undistinguishable except where uncommon F2 folds affect S1 foliation. They consider D1 and D2 to be a composite a fabric related to progressive early Laxfordian deformation. D3 and D4 were associated with post peak metamorphism retrogressive events (Park, 1964; Bhattacharjee,

1968; Park *et al.*, 1987; Shihe and Park, 1993; Droop *et al.*, 1999). D3 is associated with recumbent folds on steeply dipping F2 folds (Droop *et al.*, 1999). Park *et al.* (2001) attributed the timing of D3 as coincident with the emplacement of the Tollie pegmatites at 1.7 Ga, at low amphibolite- to greenschist-facies conditions. D4 is associated with small-scale (cm – m in amplitude), open and chevron steeply plunging folds with deforming the S1/S2 and S3 fabrics (Park, 1964; Bhattacharjee, 1968; Park *et al.*, 1987; Park *et al.*, 2001). D4 occurred in more localized narrow belts at sub-greenschist facies and is typically associated with narrow belts of cataclasis (Park *et al.*, 2001).

Geology of the Kerry Road VMS deposit

The first detailed description of the LMG massive sulfide mineralized lenses was by Jones *et al.* (1987) who identified two main occurrences. The North Sidmean Mor lens consists of iron sulfides with subordinate copper sulfides near the top of North Sidhean Mor and is traceable intermittently over 6 km. The other is the Kerry Road lens (another small satellite deposit, the Teangadh Bhuidhe Mhor deposit, is located nearby), which averages 4 m in thickness and extends for 580 m from Loch Bad an Sgalaig to Flowerdale Mains (Fig. 2; Williams *et al.*, 1985; Coates *et al.*, 1997). The Kerry Road deposit is estimated at 500,000 t at 1% Cu, 0.5% Zn and 1 g/t Au (Colman and Cooper, 2000) with base- and precious-metal massive sulfide mineralization hosted in quartz-carbonate schist and categorized as a mafic-siliciclastic or Besshi-type VMS deposit (Jones *et al.*, 1987). The mineralization is fine-grained, commonly banded on mm-scales and displays massive, stringer and disseminated textures. Pyrrhotite and pyrite are the dominant sulfide minerals and total sulfides typically account for 15-20% of the rock. Other sulfides are present in subordinate amounts and include (in decreasing abundance) chalcopyrite, sphalerite, marcasite and galena. Rare native gold and magnetite are also present (Jones *et al.*, 1987).

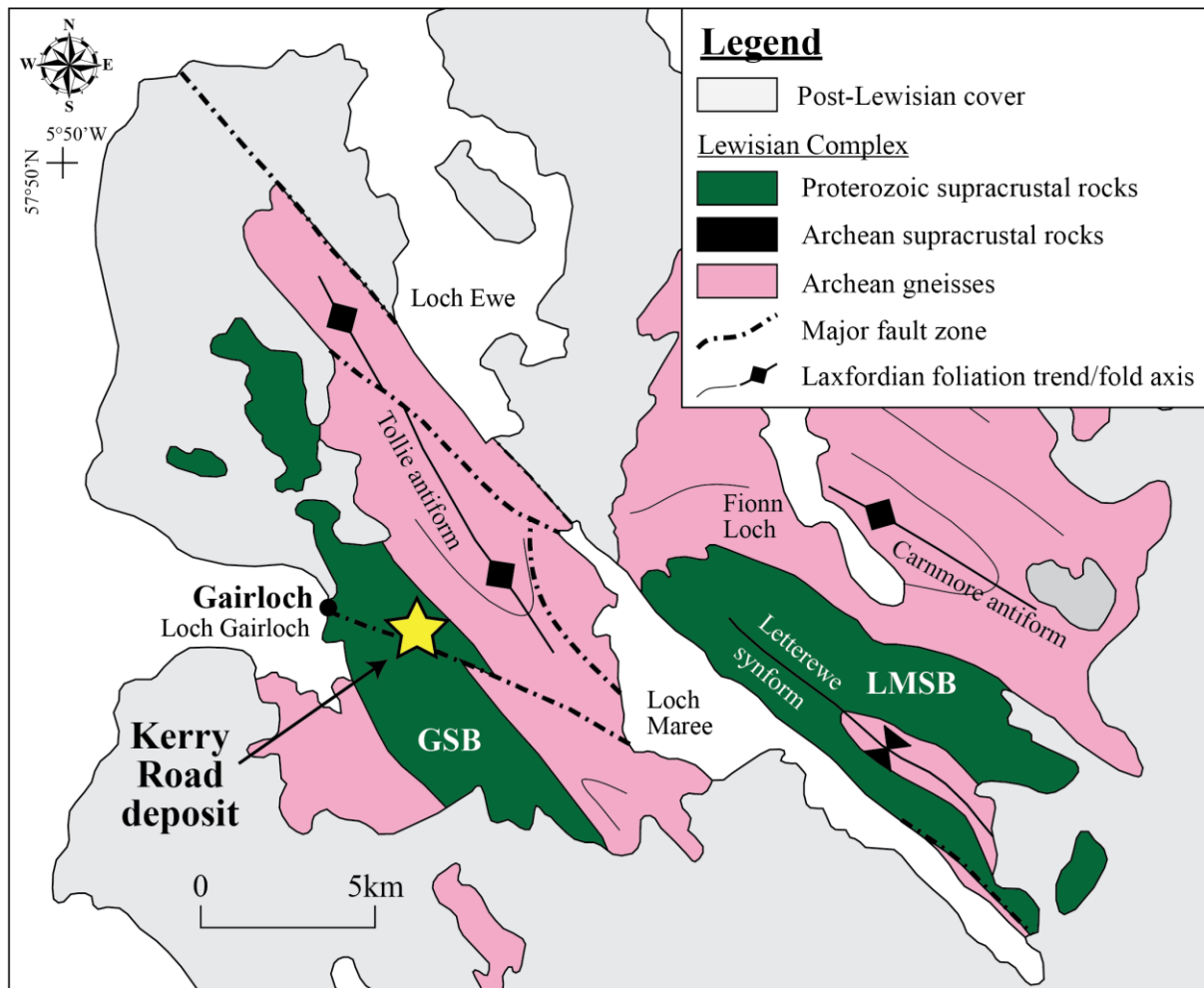


Figure 2. Simplified geological map of the Gairloch region (modified from Park et al., 1987, 2001). Also shown is the position of the Kerry Road deposit (star). GSB: Gairloch Schist Belt; LMSB: Loch Maree Schist Belt.

Methodology

Field and Drill Core Analysis

Detailed mapping at a scale of 1:25,000 was undertaken at the Kerry Road deposit and surrounding area (Fig. 3). Forty-one field samples were collected based on lithology and mineralization. Furthermore, a total of ten diamond drill cores were logged in detail at the British Geological Survey's Core Store, Keyworth, UK, and 38 core samples were collected. From these, twelve samples were selected for polished thin-section petrography.

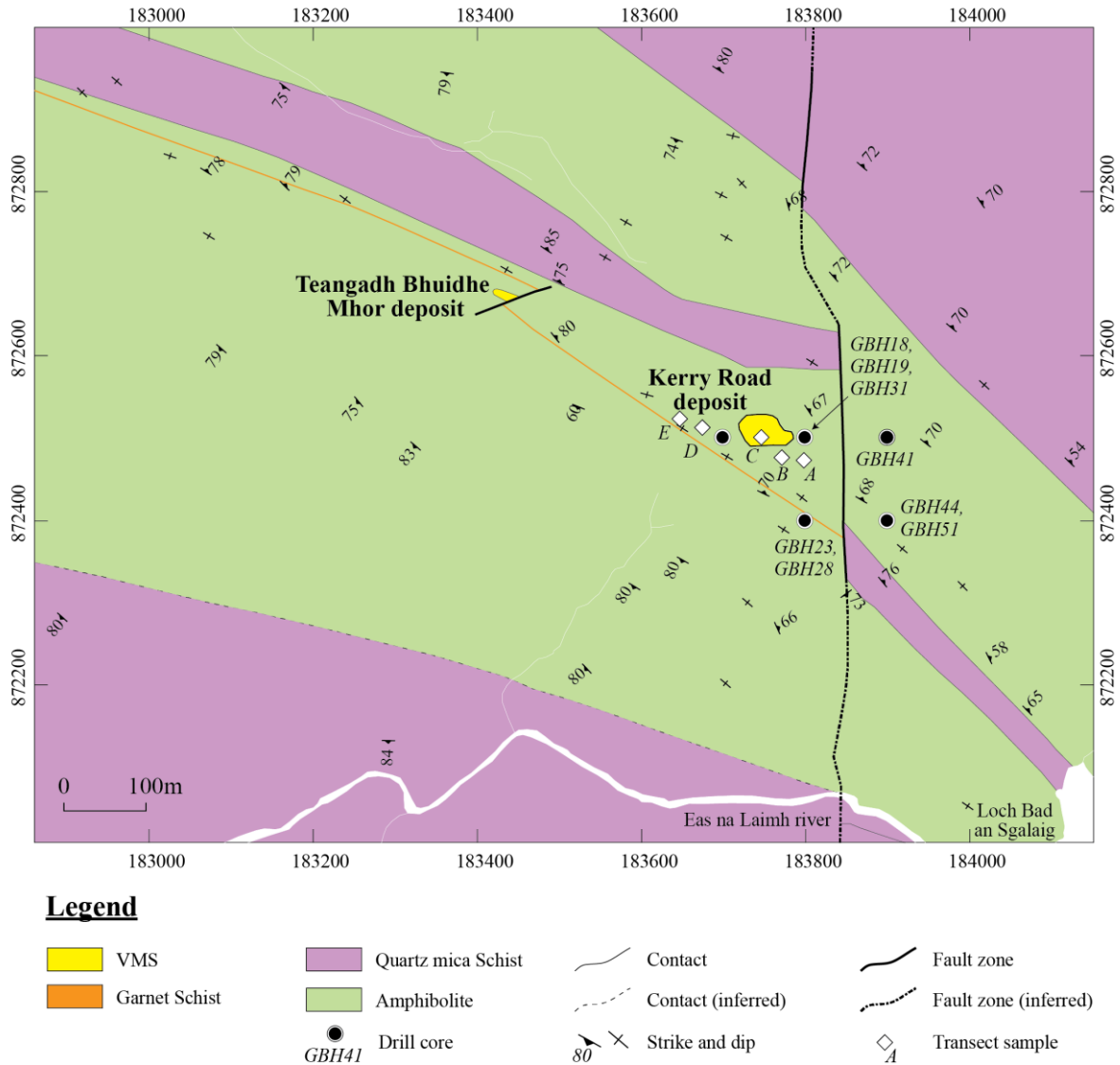


Figure 3: Geological map for the Kerry Road VMS deposit.

Electron Probe Micro-Analyzer

Four amphibole schist samples were selected from locations proximal and distal to the Kerry Road VMS deposit to assess amphibole compositional variation with distance to the deposit. Electron probe micro-analyzer (EPMA) analyses was carried out on a JEOL JXA-8600 Superprobe by the wavelength dispersive X-ray analysis method (WDS) at the University of St Andrews using conventional carbon coated polished sections (60-100 μm). Operating conditions were: 15 kv accelerating voltage, 20 nano-amperes (nA) beam current using a $\sim 1\mu\text{m}$

beam diameter to gain precise and accurate composition measurements of individual amphibole crystal cores and rims. Counting times were 20 s on peak, and background measurements were 10 s on each side of the analyzed peak. Background positions were carefully selected to avoid instances of peak overlap. Elements measured were Na, Mg, Al, Si, K, Ca, Ti, Mn and Fe. Standards used were Wollastonite (Si, Ca), Rutile (Ti), Corundum (Al), Metal (Fe, Mn), Periclase (Mg), Albite (Na) and Orthoclase (K). Detection limits varied between 0.05 and 0.2% depending on the element.

X-ray Fluorescence

Five samples were taken every 20-30 m along a ~150 m transect, following the regional strike direction of the Kerry Road deposit (Fig. 3), in order to test for alteration footprint and assess the change in geochemistry associated with the VMS system. Eight samples were selected from drill core to assess geochemical changes across the deposit and to identify the protoliths and tectonic origins of the geological units. Fifty grams of weathering-free sample were crushed to a fine powder using a laboratory disc mill with a tungsten carbide grinding jar for 90 seconds. Pressed-powder pellets were prepared by mixing 8 g of sample powder with 12 drops of polyvinyl alcohol, pressing the mixture to a disc at 15 tons for 30 seconds, and drying overnight at 60 °C. Trace element concentrations for V, Cr, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, As, Rb, Sr, Y, Zr, Nb, Mo, Ag, Cd, Sn, Ba, La, Ce, Pb, Th and U and semi-quantitative major element concentrations for Al, Si, P, S, K, Ca, Ti, Mn, Fe were obtained by irradiating the sample with high energy X-rays from a controlled X-ray tube using a SPECTRO® XEPOS HE at the University of St Andrews. The method uses fundamental calibration parameters using >20 internationally recognised (mainly silicate) certified reference materials (CRM).

Sulfur Isotope Analyses

Sulfides were prepared for conventional isotopic analyses by diamond micro-drilling techniques on 21 samples and analyzed by standard techniques at the Scottish Universities Environmental Research Centre (SUERC; Robinson and Kusakabe, 1975) in which SO₂ gas was liberated by combusting the sulfides (5-10 mg) with excess Cu₂O at 1075°C, *in vacuo*. Liberated gases were analyzed on a VG Isotech SIRA II mass spectrometer and standard corrections applied to raw $\delta^{66}\text{SO}_2$ values to produce true $\delta^{34}\text{S}$. The standards employed were the international standards NBS-123 and IAEA-S-3, and the SUERC standard CP-1. Repeat analyses of these standards gave $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values of +17.1‰, -32‰ and -4.6‰ respectively, with a standard error of $\pm 0.3\text{‰}$ or better. Data are reported in $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ notation as per mil (‰) variations from the Vienna Cañon Diablo Troilite (V-CDT) standard.

Results

Stratigraphic Sequence

Detailed mapping of the Kerry Road region reveals that the main lithologies are quartz-mica schist, amphibolite, garnet schist and massive sulfide (Figs. 4, 5); contacts between these units are generally sharp. Laxfordian deformation has resulted in a dominant sub-vertical layer-parallel foliation.

Quartz-mica schist is dark grey to black semipelitic-siliceous unit with a uniform fine-grained texture (<1 mm; Fig. 4ab). It is composed of quartz, biotite, chlorite and muscovite that typically define the main foliation. Accessory minerals include pyrite, garnet and plagioclase. Localized folding can be observed in siliceous horizons. Quartz veins (0.5 mm - 10 cm) are

found parallel to as well as cross-cutting the foliation, suggesting multiple phases of quartz formation.

Amphibole schist is typically, dark green with amphibole porphyroblasts from 1 mm to 2 cm, coarse- to fine-grained quartz, medium- to fine-grained amphiboles and subordinate fine-grained chlorite that can become dominant locally (Fig. 4cd). Porphyroblasts of amphibole commonly displays a garbenschiefer texture in which porphyroblastic crystals of amphibole form stellate or sheaflike groups on the planes of foliation or schistosity. Outcrops commonly display at least two phases of foliated amphibole porphyroblasts suggesting several phases of growth/deformation. Folding is intense proximal to the Kerry Road deposit where crenulation cleavage is developed.

Garnet-amphibole schist is a 2 m thick unit that can be traced along strike from the VMS deposit for approximately 1 km. The unit has similar textures and modal abundances to the amphibole schist but with the addition of garnet (~15%; Fig. 4ef). Garnet is of almandine composition with weak zonation in some crystals and inclusions of quartz. It overprints amphibole with no evidence of shearing or pressure shadows, implying static crystallization. Amphibole crystals display a clear foliation and appear to overprint a matrix of fine chlorite and quartz with subordinate amphibole. Locally, chlorite overprints amphibole, suggesting a later greenschist facies overprint.

Sulfide mineralization at the Kerry Road deposit is exposed over a ~30 x ~20 m area. The mineralization is hosted in amphibolite and is highly weathered and oxidized at the surface with prominent secondary malachite and iron oxide forming a gossan. The deposit displays complex folding. Dominant sulfide mineralization exists as pyrite and pyrrhotite, with subordinate chalcopyrite and sphalerite (Fig. 5ab). Sulfides coexist with silicate and carbonate

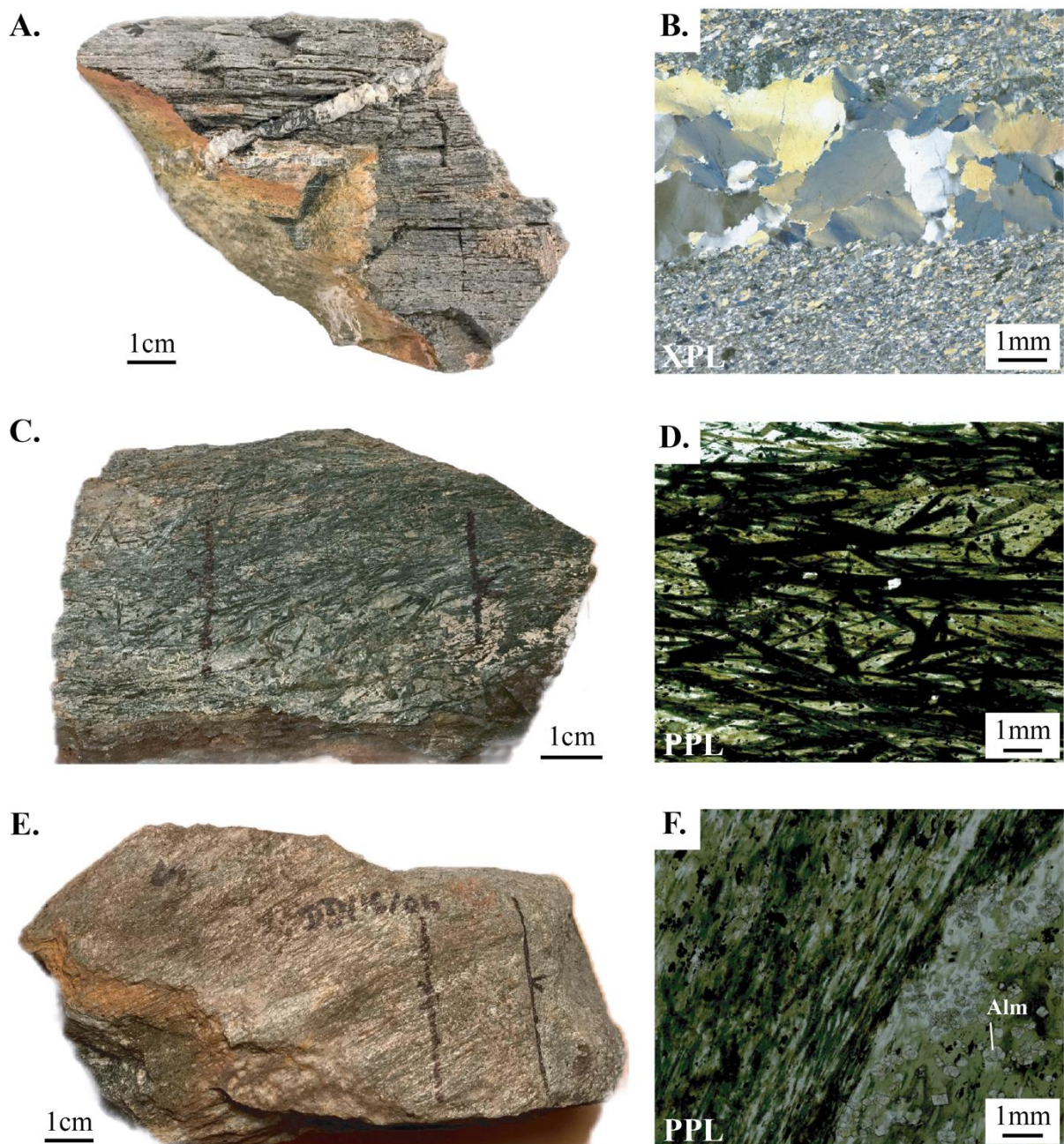


Figure 4: Examples of rock types in the Kerry Road field area and the associated petrographic analysis. A) Quartz-mica-schist sample DD/16/09, with quartz veins running parallel and cross-cutting the dominant foliation. Modal abundance is quartz (~81%), biotite (~10%), pyrite (~4%) muscovite (~4%), plagioclase (~1%). B) Thin section of sample DD/16/09, outlining the sheared foliation, and quartz veining cross-cutting quartz, biotite and chlorite matrix. C) Sample DD/16/04 displaying porphyroblastic amphiboles. D) Thin section of sample DD/16/04 wherein a sub-lineation defines the amphibole crystals. Microprobe analyses of these crystals identified them as ferrotschermakite. At least two phases of amphibole growth are suggested due to overlapping relationships. E) Sample DD/16/06 consisting of garnet-amphibole-schist with almandine garnets overprinting foliated amphibole. Mode for this sample consisted of amphibole (35%), quartz (25%), chlorite (20%), almandine (15%), iron oxide (5%). F) Thin section of sample DD/16/06 with almandine garnets overprinting sheared deformation fabric and displaying static growth suggesting their growth was late and thus continuation of amphibolite facies conditions even at the later stages of Laxfordian deformation. Note, though that almandine crystals show clear signs of retrogression to chlorite and quartz (greenschist facies assemblage).

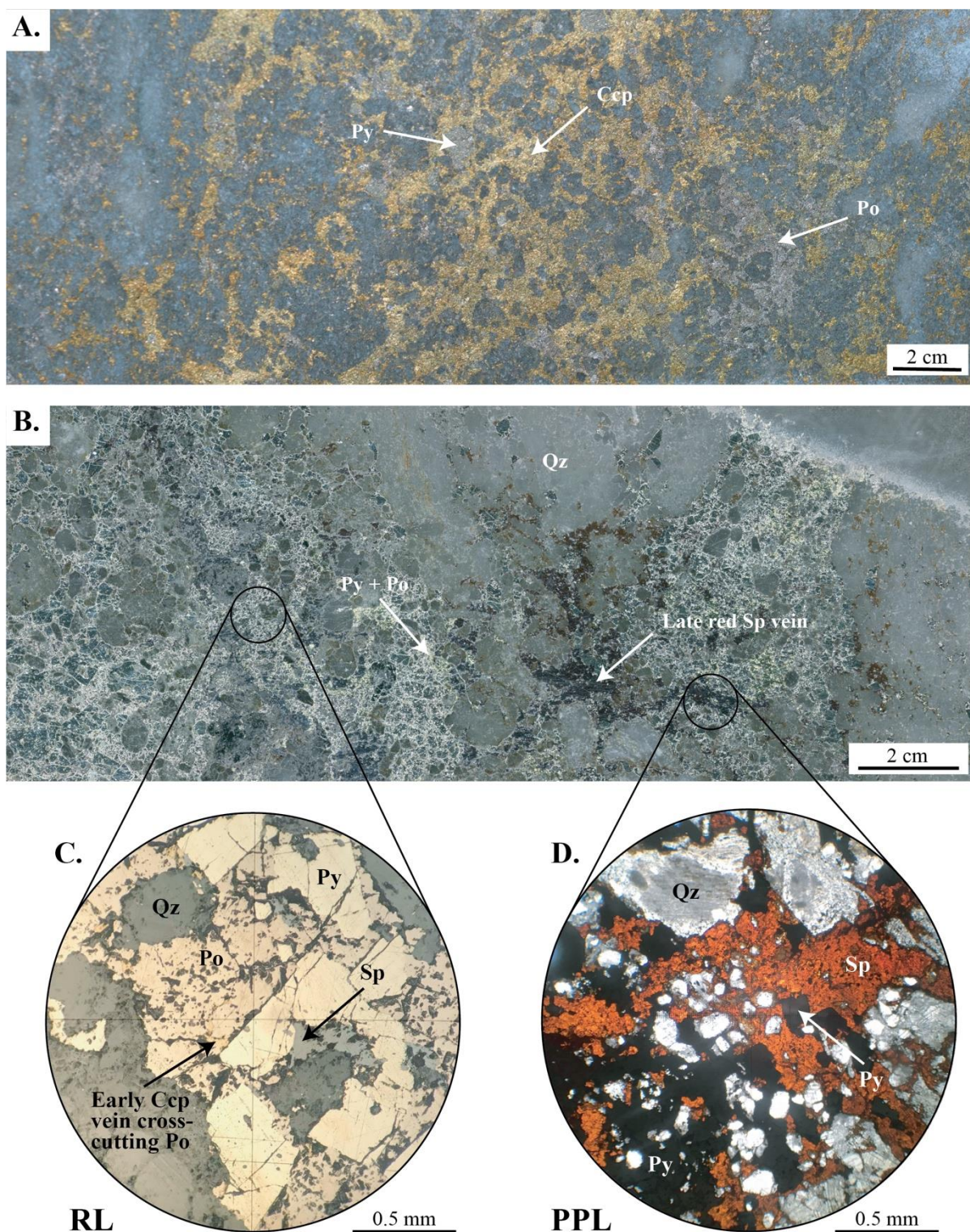


Figure 5: Photo of mineralized intervals at the Kerry Road deposit. A) Sample highlighting the common mineralogy and sulfide remobilization textures observed. Gangue includes quartz, ferroan dolomite and calcite (GBH18; 30m). (B) VMS sample 70033 from drill core GBH23 at a depth of 29.45-29.7 m. Both samples show a remobilization sequence wherein pyrrhotite crosses the brittle/ductile boundary first followed by chalcopyrite and sphalerite. Pyrite has not been remobilized and acted brittly during deformation. Ccp= chalcopyrite, Py= pyrite, Po= pyrrhotite.

gangue such as quartz, chlorite, ferroan dolomite, calcite and amphibole. No systematic vertical or lateral zonation in base metal sulfides were observed.

Sulfide Remobilization and Textural Analyses

Textures identified in the Kerry Road deposit include disseminated (35%), vein (10%), and sub-massive/massive sulfide (55%) (Fig. 6a-d). Disseminated textures occur as discrete sulfide crystals hosted within a silicate matrix, whereas sulfide veins are typically chalcopyrite-bearing. *Durchbewegung* texture is common in sub-massive to massive sulfide regions (Fig. 6e). *Durchbewegung* texture, as defined by Marshall and Gilligan (1989), consists of a mixture of secondary tectonic origin composed of angular to rounded clasts of competent materials (e.g., silicates) within a matrix of predominantly less competent material (e.g., sulfides) where the competent clasts are generally contorted and disoriented.

Pyrrhotite, sphalerite and chalcopyrite do not display discrete individual grain boundaries resulting in crystals that cross-cut and fill fractures and interstitial spaces between gangue and pyrite crystals. Pyrite forms subhedral crystals that exhibit brittle behavior (Fig. 6b). Cross-cutting relationships show that pyrrhotite mobilized first followed by chalcopyrite and sphalerite (Fig. 5b). Locally, pyrite has been encased by remobilized chalcopyrite, pyrrhotite and sphalerite, indicating P-T conditions that allowed ductile remobilization into low pressure areas such as crystal fractures, grain boundaries and within interstitial spaces between gangue minerals. In some cases, the pyrite crystals have undergone mechanical reworking and are cataclastically deformed. Annealed pyrite textures were observed, which typically dominate at medium-high metamorphic grades (McClay and Ellis, 1983); this texture is marked by equant grains with triple junctions and straight grain boundaries.

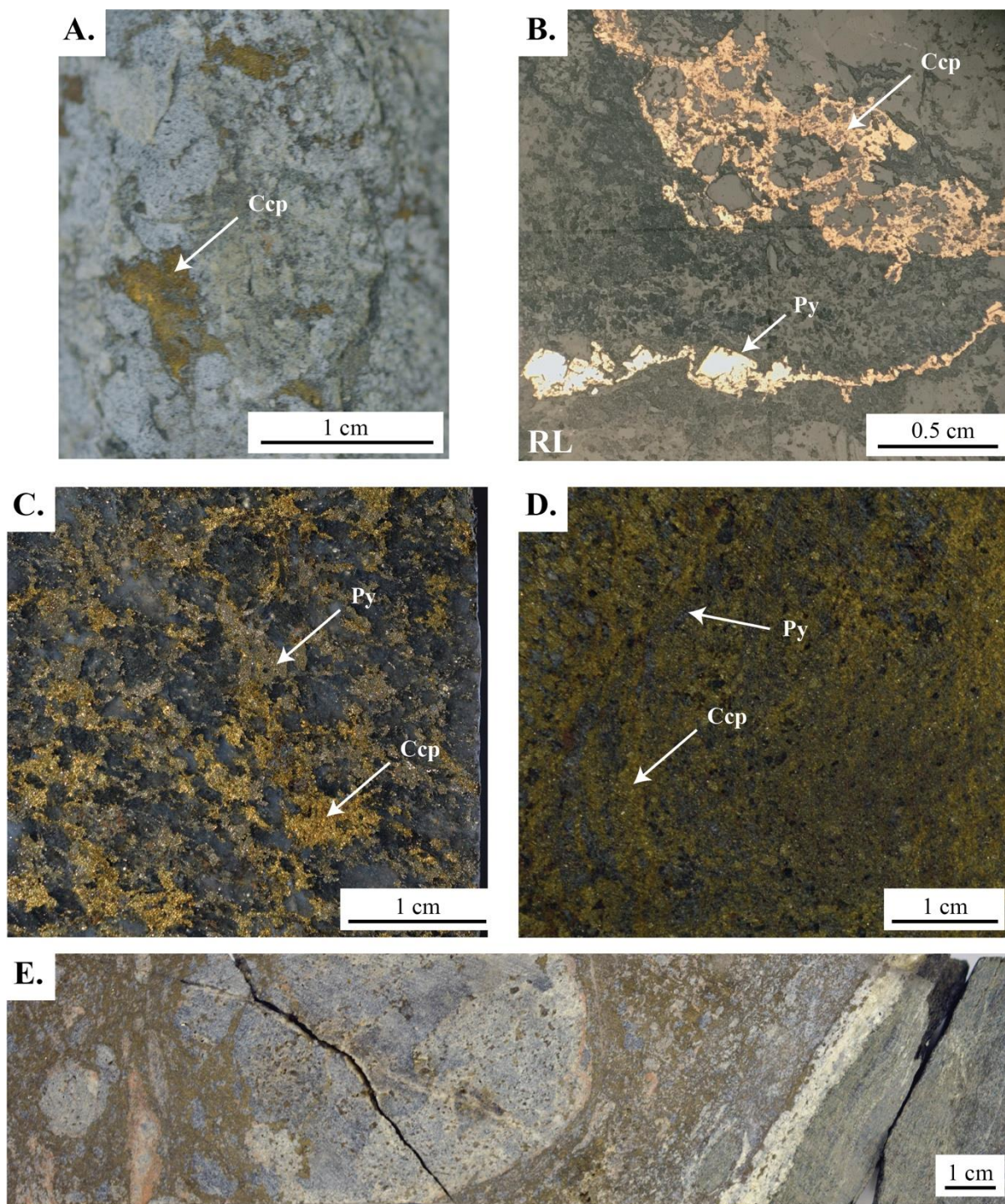


Figure 6: Photographs of the different sulfide mineralization texture. A) Disseminated mineralization showing isolated chalcopyrite aggregates in a matrix of silicates. Drill core GBH15, 20.5-22.5 m. B) Vein-type mineralization exploiting an ultramylonite horizon, displaying chalcopyrite veining and pyrite cubes. Veining engulfs euhedral pyrite and is not influenced by mylonitic shearing suggesting that remobilization continued to occur after peak mylonitic conditions. Drill core GBH31, 73.16-73.36 m. C) Sub-massive texture displaying both chalcopyrite and pyrrhotite mineralization. Drill core GBH41, 109.2-112 m. D) Massive texture with dominant chalcopyrite. Drill core GBH19, 25.3-27.2 m. E) Durchbewegung texture; defined as a mixture of secondary tectonic origin composed of angular to rounded clasts of one or more competent materials in a matrix of predominantly different incompetent material (in this case pyrrhotite). Significant clast rotation has occurred through deformation to form this round clast (Marshall and Gilligan, 1987). Note the calcite exploiting the contact between the VMS mineralization and the amphibole schist. Drill core GBH19, 33.0-33.4 m.

255 Whole Rock Geochemistry

256 Immobile elements such as Al, Ti, the high field strength elements (HFSE) and the
 257 REE (except Eu) are ideal to provide information on the primary petrochemical attributes of
 258 the host rocks in VMS systems (e.g., Large, 1977; Hannington, 2014; Cloutier *et al.*, 2017).
 259 However, caution must be used as some of these elements may become mobile (especially
 260 the LREE) during intense hydrothermal alteration (MacLean, 1988). At Kerry Road, the
 261 amphibolite samples falls within the basalt/andesite field of Pearce (1996) (Fig. 7a), the
 262 tholeiitic field of Ross and Bedard (2009) (Fig. 7b), the island arc tholeiite of Shervais (1982)
 263 (Fig. 7c) and within the post-Archean juvenile environment of Piercey (2009) (Fig. 7d).

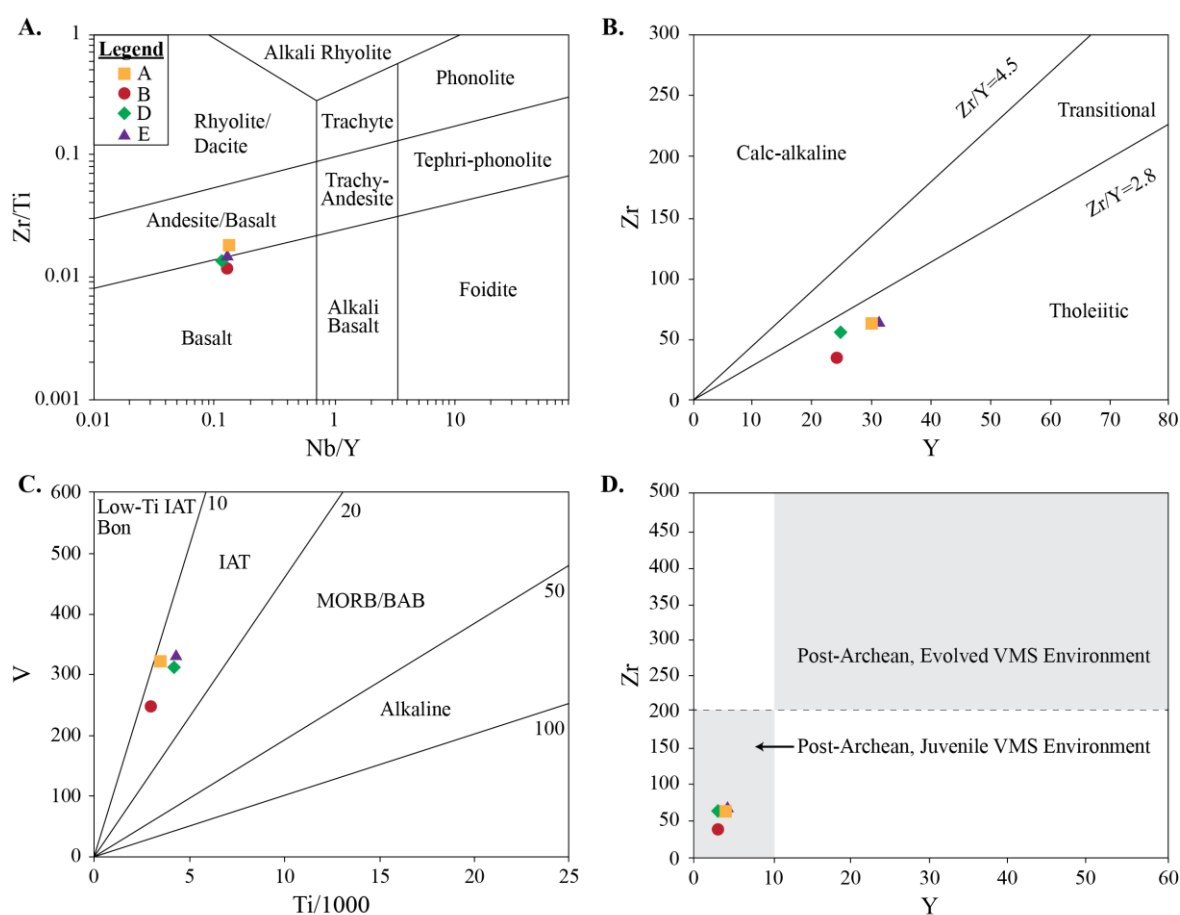


Figure 7: Immobility element discrimination diagrams for distal amphibolite surrounding the Kerry Road deposit (A) Zr/TiO₂-Nb/Y diagram (Winchester and Floyd, 1977) with modified field boundaries of Pearce (1996). B) Zr-Y discriminating magma affinity with fields of Ross and Bedard (2009) (C) V-Ti/1000 diagram with field boundaries of Shervais (1982) for mafic rocks. (D) Zr-Nb diagram of Piercey (2009) discriminating juvenile environments from evolved environments. Low Ti-IAT Bon= low titanium-island-arc tholeiites and boninites, IAT= island-arc tholeiites, MORB/BAB= mid-ocean ridge basalts/back-arc basalts.

Mineralized samples throughout the deposit (n=9) vary between 14-30% S, 17-39% Fe, 0.3-3.8% Cu, 0.2-6.4% Zn, 8-594 ppm Pb and 450-1839 ppm Co (Table 1). These values are significantly higher than average values of 0.44% Cu and 0.42% Zn published by Jones *et al.* (1987). To test enrichment of elements in and near the ore zone, a transect of five samples across the deposit was designed and shows that the Kerry Road VMS lens is associated with enrichment in Si (x1.5), S (x33.3), Co (x17.6), and Cu (x7.6), and depletion in Al (x0.02), Ti (x0.01), V (x0.03), Cr (x0.03), Y (x0.1) and Zr (x0.17) (Fig. 8).

An isocon diagram shows that most element hosted in mineralized area are near the 1:1 line and have been conserved compared to the unmineralized amphibolite (Fig. 9). The diagram shows that the mineralization is associated with an increase of S, Pb, Co, Cu, Zn and depletion of Al, Ti. In general, these trends are in agreement with observed trend over the transect (Fig. 8). The main differences relate to the intensity of the changes and can be associated with the isocon diagram using averages of the samples compared to single samples for the transect. Elements such as V, Cr, Y and Zr will not incorporate into the sulfides and will be further diluted when massive sulfide is present (i.e., mass gain).

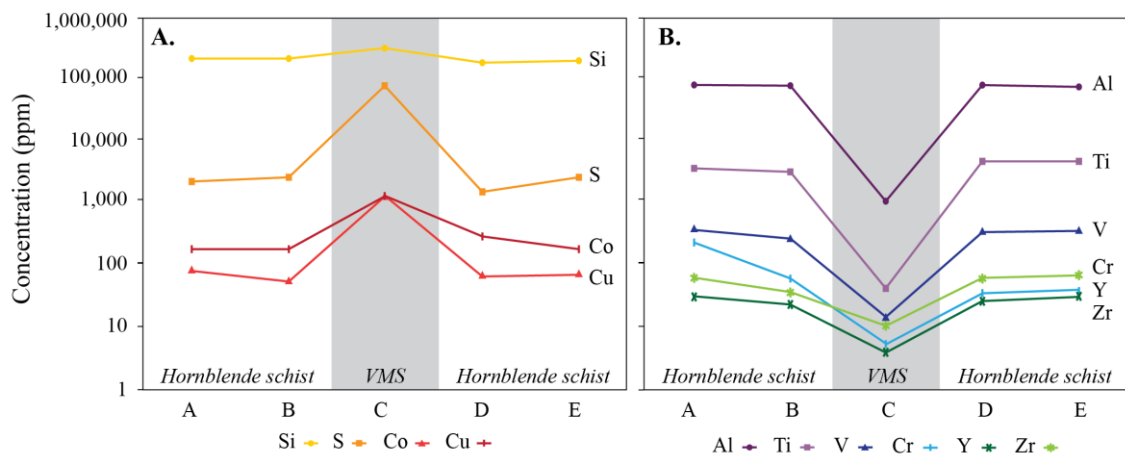


Figure 8: Major and trace element A) enrichment and B) depletion associated with whole-rock geochemical analysis along the Kerry Road deposit transect. Sample 2C is from the Kerry Road VMS deposit; other samples are all associated with amphibolite host rock.

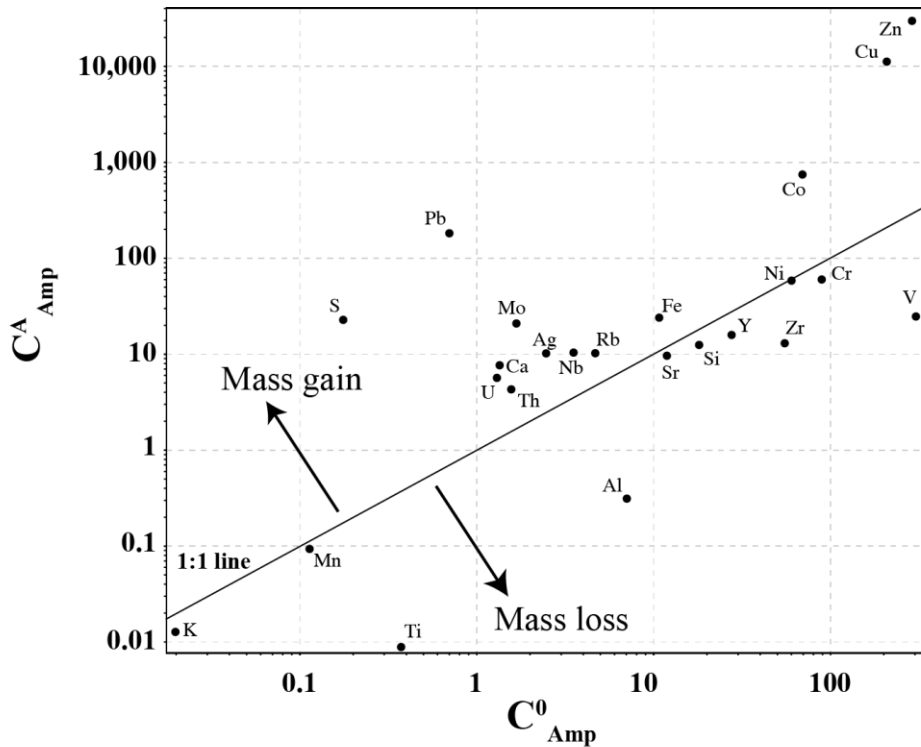


Figure 9: Isocon diagram (after Grant, 2005) illustrating the whole-rock chemical changes between unmineralized and mineralized amphibolite. Major elements are in wt% and trace elements in ppm.

Amphibole chemistry

Amphiboles were analysed to test for compositional changes with varying proximity to the Kerry Road deposit (Fig. 10; Table 2). Samples DD.16.04 (~250 m) and 70060 (~150 m) are distal and consist of ferrotschermakite ($\text{Ca}_{1.6}(\text{Mg}_{0.03}, \text{Fe}_{2.44})\text{Al}_{2.6}\text{Si}_{5.93}\text{O}_{22}(\text{OH})_2$), with relatively low Mg and Si content compared to the proximal (~100 m) and mineralized sample. Transect sample A is within ~100 m of the Kerry Road deposit and has a composition between magnesiohornblende and actinolite, highlighting a transition towards more Si and Mg. Sample 70027 is associated with the mineralization and consist of actinolite with the highest Mg and Si concentrations ($\text{Ca}_{1.7}(\text{Mg}_{3.9}, \text{Fe}_{1.1}\text{Si}_{7.94}\text{O}_{22}(\text{OH})_2$).

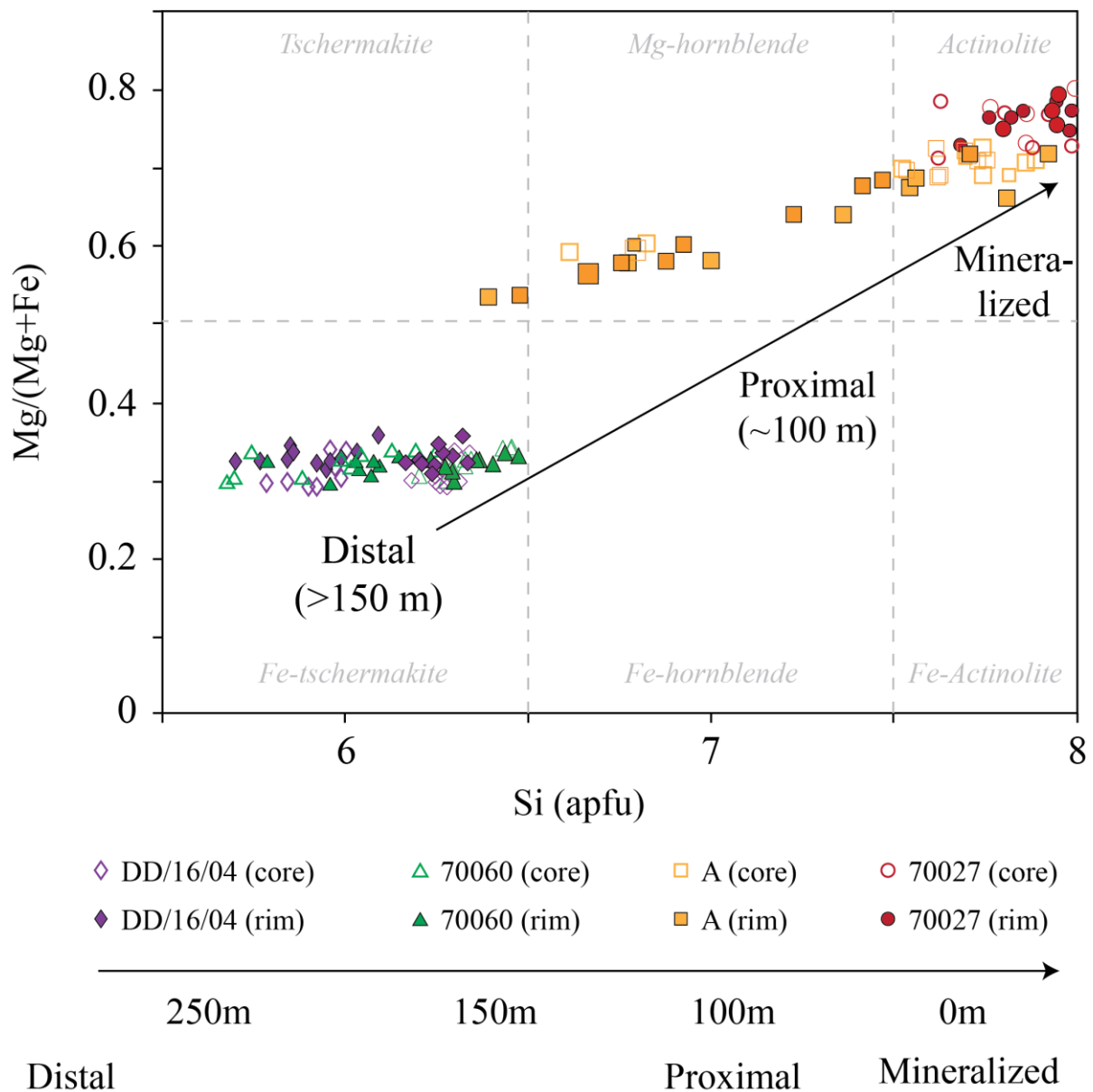


Figure 10: Chemistry of amphibole at the Kerry Road area derived from microprobe analyses. Amphibole chemistry changes from ferrotschermakite in distal samples (70060 and DD/16/04) to actinolite in proximal samples (1A and 70027). This change highlights a progressive enrichment in Si and Mg as the Kerry Road deposit is approached. Classification of calcic amphiboles fields modified from Leake et al.

Sulfur Isotope Analyses

Sulfur isotope analyses of pyrite, sphalerite and chalcopyrite from the mineralized samples are remarkably homogeneous and average $\delta^{34}S\text{‰} = 0.8 \text{‰} (\pm 0.7 \text{‰})$ (n=21). Pyrrhotite (n=4) range between -0.5 and 1.1‰, pyrite (n=13) range between 0.7 and 2.1‰, and chalcopyrite range between 0.3 and 1.2‰ (Fig. 11; Table 3).

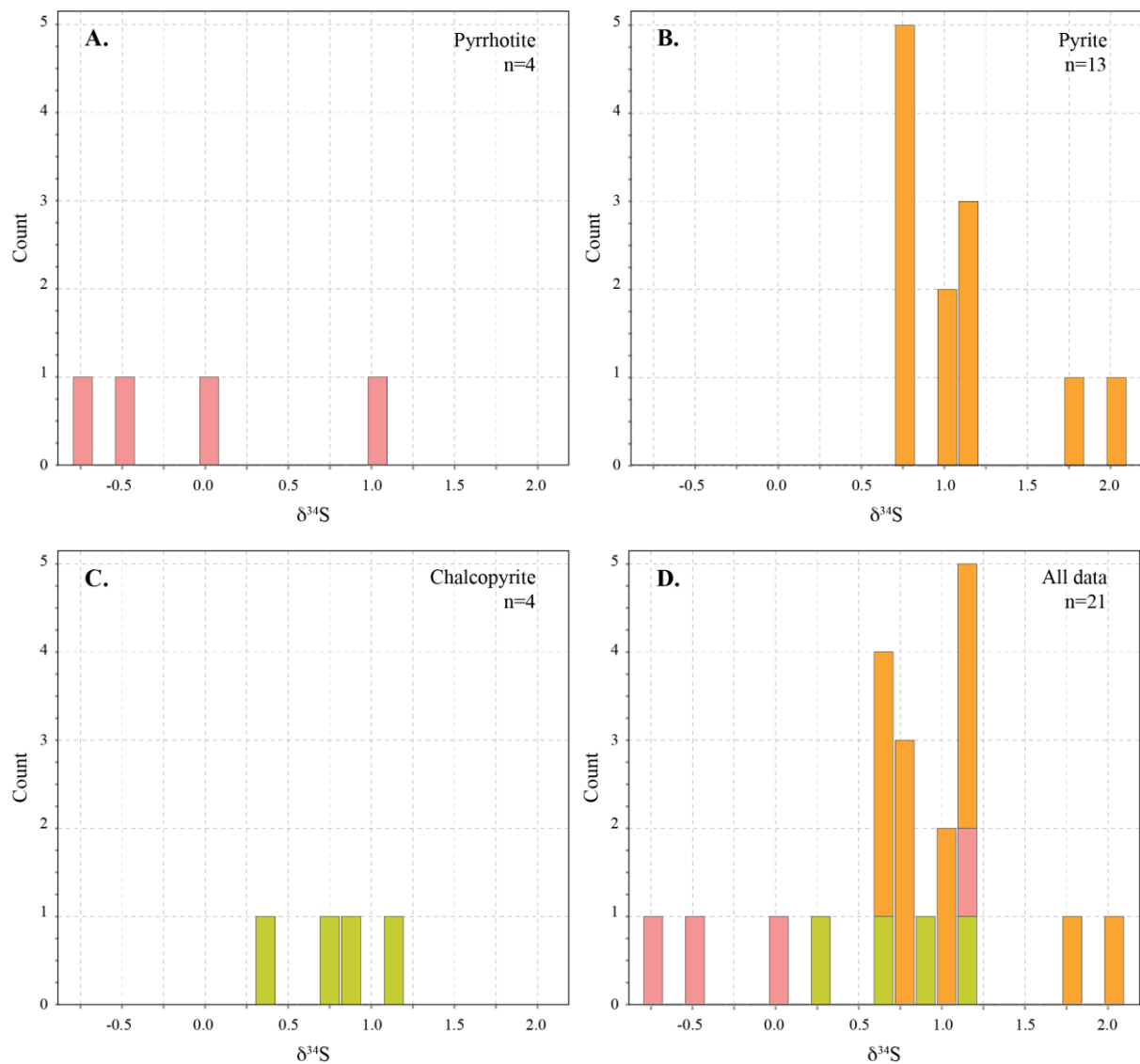


Figure 11: Sulfur isotope analysis (n=21) from the Kerry Road Deposit. The majority of the samples are near 0 ‰ and reflect a basaltic source for the sulfur found in the base metal sulfides.

Discussion

Tectonic setting of formation for the Kerry Road deposit

In the last twenty-five years, a classification scheme of VMS deposits has been developed based on host stratigraphic sequence and interpreted geodynamic setting (Barrie and Hannington, 1999; Piercey, 2010, 2011). In metamorphic terranes, the primary features of rocks are often obscured due to mineralogical changes but, in general, their chemical composition reflects that of their protolith. In such circumstances, trace element geochemistry

can be used to provide insights into the nature of the protolith and its tectonic setting (Vokes, 2000; Spry *et al.*, 2000; Cook and Marshall, 2004; Corriveau and Spry, 2014). The Kerry Road deposit is characterized by amphibolite facies metamorphosed tholeiitic basalts and metapsammite/pelite. This type of VMS deposit forms in tectonic environments associated with oceanic island-arc or continental rift/back-arcs basins and is dominated by pelitic and mafic lithologies (e.g., Franklin *et al.*, 2005; Galley *et al.*, 2007). Moreover, trace element systematics of the metabasalts are compatible with a pre-Laxfordian submerged island arc tholeiite interpretation (Fig. 7bc). This is supported by the tight distribution of $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ data, averaging at 0.8 ‰, reflecting a homogenous sulfur source dominated by tholeiitic basalts with $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ around 0‰ (Torssander, 1992). The primary signature appears to have been preserved, on the hand specimen and deposit scale. A similar relationship was recorded in the Norwegian Caledonide VMS systems, which have undergone similar metamorphism (Skauli *et al.*, 1992; Cook and Hoefs, 1997), and also preserved characteristics of the magmatic origin of their host VMS. However, the homogeneity of the signal was likely “tightened” through the deformation and metamorphism. Nonetheless, an alternative interpretation of the origin of the S signature, is that this cluster might reflect Paleoproterozoic seawater with $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ between 15 and 25 ‰, as partial reduction of oxidized seawater to isotopically lighter H_2S results in sulfides ~17 to 25‰ lighter than coexisting seawater sulphate (e.g., Ohmoto and Rye, 1979; Seal, 2006; Cloutier *et al.*, 2015). However, this is unlikely as Blättler *et al.* (2018) determined the $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ of seawater from a 2.0 Ga evaporite sequence to be between 5 and 7‰. If the S-isotope composition of the LMG sulfides were derived from 2.0 Ga seawater their $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ should be –10 to –20‰. Therefore, we conclude that the sulfides originated from the tholeiitic basalts.

330 **Deformation of the Kerry Road deposit**

331 In the Kerry Road field area, Laxfordian D1/D2 defines penetrative sub-vertical
332 foliation associated with prograde amphibolite facies metamorphism that is typically
333 attributed to the collision of an oceanic plateau with a continental accretionary prism at c. 1.9
334 Ga (Park et al., 2001). In the Kerry Road area, this phase of deformation is recorded by the
335 strong, steeply dipping NW-SE (~120°) foliation. This led to significant recrystallization and
336 mechanical remobilization of pre-existing sulfide mineralization. Through cross-cutting
337 relationships, pyrrhotite was observed to remobilize first, followed by chalcopyrite and
338 finally sphalerite (Fig. 5b). Maximum peak metamorphic conditions were not high enough for
339 pyrite to cross the brittle-ductile boundary as evidenced by its brittle deformation behavior
340 (Fig. 12). The pyrrhotite-chalcopyrite relationship suggests that pressure crossed the 100 MPa
341 mark before reaching 150°C (Marshall and Gilligan, 1987; Fig. 12), which is compatible with
342 subduction tectonics P-T. However, the late remobilization of sphalerite does not fit the
343 Barrovian-type sulfide remobilization sequence of Marshall and Gilligan (1987) wherein
344 galena crosses the brittle ductile boundary first followed by sphalerite, pyrrhotite,
345 chalcopyrite and pyrite (Fig. 12). This suggests that sphalerite was remobilized again under
346 either D3 or D4 (or both) and that these late Laxfordian events did not reach pressures above
347 120 MPa (Po remobilization) and temperature above 200°C (Ccp remobilization), which is
348 consistent with the established D3/D4 brittle retrogressive metamorphic events of Park *et al.*
349 (2001).

350 Peak Laxfordian metamorphic conditions in the Kerry Road area are highlighted by
351 the presence of index minerals such as amphibole, garnet and biotite. Two stages of
352 amphibole growth were observed, correlating with D1/D2 fabrics. Many of the early
353 amphibole porphyroblasts display a well-developed mineral elongation lineation that may

correspond with the L1 mineral lineation of Park *et al.* (2001). In places, amphiboles display intergranular shear movement, suggesting shearing post-peak metamorphism. Furthermore, zoned almandine garnets, cross-cut the main foliation defined by the amphiboles, and do not display concentric rings or spiral trails inclusions suggesting their growth was late and that peak metamorphic conditions were stable enough to allow static growth of garnet. Late retrogression of amphibole to chlorite occurred and also biotite to chlorite, indicating greenschist-facies conditions associated with D3/D4 Laxfordian deformation events. In summary, our data agree with the subduction-accretionary prism tectonic model of Park *et al.* (2001) and add constraints on early metamorphic conditions through the sulfide deformation paragenesis where P reached 100 MPa prior to 150°C.

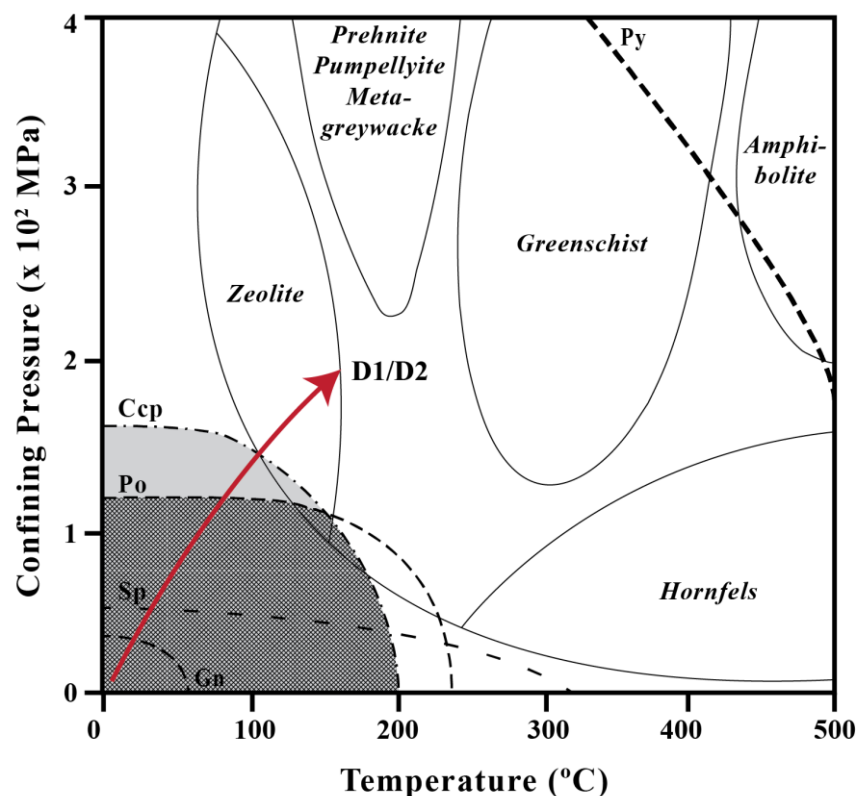


Figure 12: The brittle-ductile transitions of some common sulfides (from Marshall and Gilligan, 1987). Pyrrhotite was observed to mobilize first, followed by chalcopyrite and sphalerite. Shaded area outlines the path and minimum P-T conditions recorded by the sulfides during D1/D2 and the hashed area outlines maximum temperature and pressure during D3/D4. Ccp= chalcopyrite, Py= pyrite, Po= pyrrhotite, Sp= Sphalerite.

Implications for exploration of mafic-hosted VMS deposits in metamorphosed terranes to amphibolite facies

VMS deposits metamorphosed to the amphibolite facies are uncommon accounting for only 11 percent of known VMS deposits (Mosier *et al.*, 2009). In unmetamorphosed environment, the primary alteration below the main massive sulfide consists of a zone of Mg- or Fe-rich chlorite proximal to the main upflow zone surrounded by a zone of distal white mica (Franklin *et al.*, 2005; Galley *et al.*, 2007; Piercey, 2009; Hannington, 2014). Geochemically, these zones are associated with an increase in aluminous minerals relative to the host rock due to intense hydrothermal leaching of alkalis under acidic high fluid/rock conditions (e.g., Galley *et al.*, 2007; Dusek-Bacon, 2010). During metamorphism, the primary alteration mineral assemblage changes to aluminous minerals (garnet, chloritoid, staurolite, kyanite/andalusite/sillimanite and cordierite), orthorhombic Mg-Fe-Mn amphiboles and gahnite (zincian spinel) (e.g., Nesbitt and Kelly, 1980; Corriveau and Spry, 2014; Hollis *et al.*, 2019). The final metamorphic assemblage depends on the peak metamorphic grade and the original composition of the host rock and alteration zone. At the Kerry Road deposit, no Al-rich phases, gahnite or orthoamphiboles were observed. Instead, calcic amphibole is the main alteration mineral. Its chemistry varies from actinolite in the mineralized zone to ferrotschermakite distal to mineralization (>150m) and defines a Mg-Si-rich halo surrounding the Kerry Road deposit. In addition to amphibole chemistry, whole-rock geochemistry records an enrichment in Si, Cu, Co, S, Zn, Fe, and Cd, and depletion in Al, Ti, V, Cr, Y and Zr, in regions proximal to the Kerry Road deposit (Fig. 8) associated with addition of sulfide and silica in silicate minerals related to mass gain during the hydrothermal alteration. Together, these proxies are typical of VMS deposits worldwide (e.g., Galley *et al.*, 2007, Hannington, 2014, Cloutier *et al.*, 2017) and can be used to assess the proximity to

mineralization, not only for the LMG group, but for any metamorphosed VMS belts globally with similar metamorphic characteristics. In summary, despite the high amphibolite facies metamorphism recorded at the Kerry Road deposit, it is still possible to decipher the alteration surrounding the VMS deposit.

Conclusions

This study used a multi-faceted approach to analyze and assess one of Britain's oldest examples of VMS mineralization and its context to the regional geology. The Kerry Road deposit is a c. 2.0 Ga Paleoproterozoic VMS deposit, which formed in a submarine oceanic island arc setting from hydrothermal activity that sourced sulfur and base metals from sub seafloor tholeiitic basalt. The deposit was then deformed and metamorphosed during the 1.8-1.7 Ga Laxfordian orogeny. Sulfide textural relationships suggest a high-P low-T path that crossed 100 MPa before reaching 150°C during early deformation (D1/D2). Late Laxfordian deformation (D3/D4) is associated with brittle retrograde greenschist conditions with P-T of <1.2 MPa and <200°C). Our findings are compatible with the subduction-accretionary tectonic model of Park *et al.* (2001). Despite being exposed to amphibolite facies metamorphism, the original alteration halo associated with the Kerry Road deposit is preserved within amphibole crystal chemistry, with Mg- and Si-rich actinolites occurring with proximity to the Kerry Road deposit. In addition, whole rock geochemistry records a gradual Si, Cu, Co, S, Zn, Fe, and Cd enrichment, and Al, Ti, V, Cr, Y and Zr depletion, as the VMS system is approached. These proxies could be used for VMS exploration in highly metamorphosed mafic dominated terrane worldwide to vector toward mineralization.

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613 crystals identified them as ferrotschermakite. At least two phases of amphibole growth are
614 suggested due to overlapping relationships. E) Sample DD/16/06 consisting of garnet-
615 amphibole-schist with almandine garnets overprinting foliated amphibole. Mode for this
616 sample consisted of amphibole (35%), quartz (25%), chlorite (20%), almandine (15%), iron
617 oxide (5%). F) Thin section of sample DD/16/06 with almandine garnets overprinting sheared
618 deformation fabric and displaying static growth suggesting their growth was late and thus
619 continuation of amphibolite facies conditions even at the later stages of Laxfordian
620 deformation. Note, though that almandine crystals show clear signs of retrogression to chlorite
621 and quartz (greenschist facies assemblage).

Figure 5: Photo of mineralized intervals at the Kerry Road deposit. A) Sample highlighting the common mineralogy and sulfide remobilization textures observed. Gangue includes quartz, ferroan dolomite and calcite (GBH18; 30m). (B) VMS sample 70033 from drill core GBH23 at a depth of 29.45-29.7 m. Both samples show a remobilization sequence wherein pyrrhotite crosses the brittle/ductile boundary first followed by chalcopyrite and sphalerite. Pyrite has not been remobilized and acted brittly during deformation. Ccp= chalcopyrite, Py= pyrite, Po= pyrrhotite.

Figure 6: Photographs of the different sulfide mineralization texture. A) Disseminated mineralization showing isolated chalcopyrite aggregates in a matrix of silicates. Drill core GBH15, 20.5-22.5 m. B) Vein-type mineralization exploiting an ultramylonite horizon, displaying chalcopyrite veining and pyrite cubes. Veining engulfs euhedral pyrite and is not influenced by mylonitic shearing suggesting that remobilization continued to occur after peak mylonitic conditions. Drill core GBH31, 73.16-73.36 m. C) Sub-massive texture displaying both chalcopyrite and pyrrhotite mineralization. Drill core GBH41, 109.2-112 m. D) Massive texture with dominant chalcopyrite. Drill core GBH19, 25.3-27.2 m. E) Durchbewegung texture; defined as a mixture of secondary tectonic origin composed of angular to rounded clasts of one or more competent materials in a matrix of predominantly different incompetent material (in this case pyrrhotite). Significant clast rotation has occurred through deformation to form this round clast (Marshall and Gilligan, 1987). Note the calcite exploiting the contact between the VMS mineralization and the amphibole schist. Drill core GBH19, 33.0-33.4 m.

Figure 7: Immobile element discrimination diagrams for distal amphibolite surrounding the Kerry Road deposit (A) Zr/TiO₂-Nb/Y diagram (Winchester and Floyd, 1977) with modified field boundaries of Pearce (1996). B) Zr-Y discriminating magma affinity with fields of Ross and Bedard (2009) (C) V-Ti/1000 diagram with field boundaries of Shervais (1982) for mafic

646 rocks. (D) Zr-Nb diagram of Piercey (2009) discriminating juvenile environments from
647 evolved environments. Low Ti-IAT Bon= low titanium-island-arc tholeiites and boninites,
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Sample name	Al %	Si %	P %	S %	K %	Ca %	Ti %	Mn %	Fe %	V ppm	Cr ppm	Co ppm	Ni ppm	Cu ppm	Zn ppm	As ppm	Rb ppm	Sr ppm	Y ppm
70023	0.38	10.64	<DL	29.70	0.02	6.54	0.010	0.067	38.94	18.1	297.2	593	163.2	3329	22570	<DL	17.9	6.9	13.6
70027	0.30	23.13	<DL	19.06	0.01	4.10	0.010	0.068	19.54	29.7	74	811	134.3	38180	6629	4.7	7.9	24	6.9
70033	0.26	0.20	<DL	14.15	0.01	16.98	0.001	0.168	16.5	43.8	57.5	450	10	2962	53200	22.5	6.4	19	25.9
70040	0.44	2.39	<DL	28.91	0.01	12.15	0.010	0.089	25.8	40.3	24.5	611	12.6	3758	64480	124.6	9	11.5	25.7
70041	0.34	1.54	<DL	26.46	0.01	10.18	0.010	0.159	25.99	31.6	10.3	849	16.2	4746	40160	73.4	11.7	7.5	20.6
70058	0.28	7.01	<DL	20.21	0.02	7.18	0.010	0.140	24.9	19.3	2.9	420	74.7	21550	20840	<DL	9.5	5.3	14.6
A	7.38	18.97	0.132	0.17	0.02	1.60	0.347	0.096	9.207	321.2	224.6	81.6	91.6	175.7	494.9	<DL	3.6	11.3	30.1
B	6.98	19.23	0.130	0.20	0.03	1.13	0.301	0.027	8.278	249.2	60	54.1	46	197.7	107.7	<DL	4	2.7	24.2
C	0.11	28.05	<DL	6.34	0.01	0.08	0.004	0.018	12.78	12.8	5	1336	29.1	1345	250	6.4	9.1	2.1	3.8
D	7.12	16.52	0.117	0.12	0.03	1.33	0.418	0.223	13.85	312.7	35.4	65.1	44.6	281.2	403.5	<DL	5.8	21.5	24.8
E (DD/16/20)	6.72	17.52	0.115	0.21	0.01	1.32	0.429	0.108	11.64	330.9	36.3	70.6	58.3	176	147.8	<DL	5.3	12	31.2
DD/16/14	0.31	21.58	<DL	24.43	0.01	3.96	0.010	0.030	22.01	11.9	6	780	39	11290	28670	<DL	8.7	0.8	15.3
DD/16/22	0.18	33.43	<DL	19.37	0.01	0.26	0.010	0.024	18.48	3	8	1839	17.5	3799	1740	4.2	10.8	2.1	4.4

<DL: Below detection limit

Table 1. Whole-rock XRF results for the Kerry Road samples (continued).

Sample name	Zr ppm	Nb ppm	Mo ppm	Ag ppm	Cd ppm	Sn ppm	Ba ppm	La ppm	Ce ppm	Pb ppm	Th ppm	U ppm	Lithology
70023	<DL	18.4	29.3	<DL	58.8	11.1	<DL	8.2	7.2	32.5	<DL	6	VMS mineralisation ~30% sulphides dominantly Po
70027	<DL	8.6	16.6	<DL	23.7	2.6	<DL	6.9	7	<DL	<DL	4.2	VMS mineralisation 15-20% Po, Chal, Py
70033	<DL	9.6	27	<DL	100.6	4.5	<DL	7.9	6.7	194.2	<DL	5.9	VMS strong sulphide mineralisation 25-30%
70040	<DL	16.5	32.4	<DL	131.4	11	<DL	<5	5.7	594.1	<DL	8.1	VMS brecciated mineralisation
70041	<DL	9	18.1	<DL	87.4	9.3	<DL	7.7	5.3	82.3	<DL	4.9	VMS
70058	<DL	9	19.4	<DL	49.5	8.6	<DL	<DL	6.5	<DL	<DL	8.1	VMS 25% sulphide mineralisation
A	62.8	4	1.8	<DL	<DL	<DL	5.8	<DL	<DL	0.7	1.1	1.4	Amphibolite
B	35.2	3.1	0.8	2	<DL	<DL	6.1	<DL	<DL	0.7	<DL	1.2	Amphibolite
C	10.9	1.7	9.2	47.2	<DL	<DL	5.3	<DL	<DL	15.7	<DL	2.9	VMS (highly weathered)
D	56.9	2.9	2.6	2.5	<DL	<DL	10.5	<DL	<DL	<DL	1.8	<DL	Folded amphibolite with Qz
E (DD/16/20)	65.3	4.1	1.5	2.9	<DL	<DL	4.7	<DL	<DL	0.7	1.8	<DL	Amphibolite
DD/16/14	<DL	7.9	15.3	<DL	52.3	2.1	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	5.8	VMS
DD/16/22	13	4.1	9.1	10.2	7.3	<DL	<DL	<DL	6.4	7.7	4.3	2.3	VMS

structural formula of analyzed amphibole phases from the Kerry Road area.

Zone	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	Fe ₂ O ₃	MnO	MgO	CaO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	Total	Amphibole Name	Mineral formula
6)	Intermediate	50.96	0.44	4.61	12.71	0.00	14.72	11.97	0.54	0.00	95.95	Nao ₁₆ Ca ₁ 90(Mg ₃ 24Fe ₁ 41Al ₄ 34Ti ₁ (Si ₇ 53Al ₄ 47)(OH) ₂
6)	Intermediate	52.47	0.12	3.26	13.96	0.00	15.68	12.24	0.41	0.00	98.15	Nao ₁₇ Ca ₁ 91(Mg ₃ 40Fe ₅ 54Al ₁₈ Ti ₁ (Si ₇ 62Al ₄ 38)(OH) ₂
6)	Intermediate	53.27	0.12	3.51	12.67	0.00	15.52	11.80	0.27	0.07	97.24	(Nao ₀₈ 16K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 85(Mg ₃ 36Fe ₁ 38Al ₃ 33Ti ₁ 0.00)(Si ₇ 75Al ₄ 27)(OH) ₂
6)	Intermediate	53.70	0.02	3.90	12.87	0.00	15.84	12.13	0.30	0.06	97.48	(Nao ₀₈ 08K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 88(Mg ₃ 43Fe ₁ 41Al ₄ 22Ti ₁ 0.00)(Si ₇ 75Al ₄ 25)(OH) ₂
6)	Intermediate	52.47	0.13	4.85	11.59	0.00	15.36	11.89	0.43	0.01	96.73	Nao ₁₂ Ca ₁ 85(Mg ₃ 32Fe ₁ 27Al ₄ 33Ti ₁ 0.00)(Si ₇ 69Al ₃ 31)(OH) ₂
6)	Intermediate	52.15	0.01	2.88	12.46	0.00	15.75	12.30	0.30	0.00	95.84	Nao ₀₈ 00K ₀ 0(Ca ₁ 95(Mg ₂ 47Fe ₁ 38Al ₄ 20Ti ₁ 0.00)(Si ₇ 70Al ₄ 30)(OH) ₂
6)	Intermediate	44.79	0.25	12.15	14.39	0.00	10.63	11.70	1.02	0.05	94.98	(Nao ₃₀ 30K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 90(Mg ₂ 57Fe ₁ 71Ti ₁ 0.00)(Si ₇ 66Al ₄ 21)(OH) ₂
6)	Intermediate	46.21	0.37	10.20	15.15	0.21	11.53	11.86	1.02	0.13	96.68	(Nao ₀₈ 00K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 84(Mg ₃ 37Fe ₁ 53Al ₄ 27Ti ₁ 0.00)(Si ₇ 62Al ₄ 38)(OH) ₂
6)	Intermediate	51.24	0.16	5.19	13.21	0.02	14.66	11.99	0.51	0.04	97.02	(Na ₀ 15K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 88(Mg ₃ 39Fe ₁ 46Al ₄ 0.40Ti ₁ 0.00)(Si ₇ 50Al ₄ 50)(OH) ₂
6)	Intermediate	46.00	0.21	10.35	15.30	0.00	11.66	11.41	1.11	0.00	96.04	Nao ₃₂ Ca ₁ 84(Mg ₂ 62Fe ₁ 73Al ₄ 7Ti ₁ 0.00)(Si ₈ 92Al ₁ 00)(OH) ₂
6)	Intermediate	49.87	0.25	8.12	14.67	0.00	13.15	12.05	0.76	0.00	98.87	Nao ₃₁ Ca ₁ 87(Mg ₂ 84Fe ₁ 60Al ₆ 16Ti ₁ 0.00)(Si ₈ 72Al ₄ 78)(OH) ₂
6)	Intermediate	51.18	0.16	6.26	12.97	0.00	14.16	11.75	0.53	0.04	97.04	(Nao ₁₃ 3K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 84(Mg ₃ 08Fe ₁ 47Al ₄ 53Ti ₁ 0.00)(Si ₇ 47Al ₄ 53)(OH) ₂
6)	Intermediate	51.12	0.17	6.83	13.28	0.00	14.01	11.76	0.51	0.11	97.78	(Nao ₁₄ K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 83(Mg ₃ 05Fe ₁ 45Al ₄ 58Ti ₁ 0.00)(Si ₇ 41Al ₄ 59)(OH) ₂
6)	Intermediate	47.44	0.21	11.43	16.48	0.00	11.50	11.88	1.03	0.04	100.00	(Nao ₂₉ 0K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 88(Mg ₂ 40Fe ₁ 80Al ₄ 83Ti ₁ 0.00)(Si ₈ 88Al ₁ 22)(OH) ₂
6)	Intermediate	53.66	0.07	3.89	12.20	0.00	15.61	12.16	0.38	0.01	97.98	Nao ₁₁ Ca ₁ 87(Mg ₃ 34Fe ₁ 32Al ₄ 36Ti ₁ 0.00)(Si ₇ 41Al ₄ 29)(OH) ₂
6)	Intermediate	52.90	0.01	2.79	14.38	0.00	14.11	11.65	0.37	0.15	96.37	(Nao ₁₁ K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 85(Mg ₃ 11Fe ₁ 60Al ₄ 31Ti ₁ 0.00)(Si ₇ 57Al ₄ 18)(OH) ₂
6)	Intermediate	43.26	0.25	14.85	16.37	0.00	9.57	11.72	1.33	0.12	97.46	(Nao ₃₉ K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 88(Mg ₂ 13Fe ₁ 84Al ₁ 10Ti ₁ 0.00)(Si ₈ 48Al ₁ 52)(OH) ₂
6)	Intermediate	45.21	0.23	13.74	15.17	0.56	9.91	12.22	1.20	0.13	98.38	(Nao ₃₄ K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 95(Mg ₂ 18Fe ₁ 68Mn ₀ 0.00Al ₁ 05Ti ₁ 0.00)(Si ₈ 51Al ₁ 34)(OH) ₂
6)	Intermediate	45.86	0.27	12.62	15.83	0.00	10.94	11.42	1.24	0.11	98.30	(Nao ₃₅ K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 80(Mg ₂ 40Fe ₁ 75Al ₄ 94Ti ₁ 0.00)(Si ₈ 51Al ₁ 25)(OH) ₂
6)	Intermediate	48.65	0.18	9.09	14.66	0.06	12.46	11.80	0.85	0.07	97.82	(Na ₀ 24K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 85(Mg ₂ 72Fe ₁ 62Mn ₀ 0.00Al ₁ 0.27Ti ₁ 0.00)(Si ₇ 71Al ₄ 0.87)(OH) ₂
6)	Intermediate	54.19	0.03	1.57	10.14	2.76	17.79	11.44	0.63	0.04	98.59	(Nao ₁₈ K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 70(Mg ₃ 80Fe ₁ 09Mn ₀ 33Al ₄ 03)(Si ₇ 57Al ₄ 24)(OH) ₂
6)	Proximal	56.79	0.00	0.84	9.37	0.00	19.01	11.66	0.47	0.00	98.15	Nao ₁₃ Ca ₁ 70(Mg ₃ 99Fe ₁ 09Al ₄ 03)(Si ₇ 99Al ₄ 01)(OH) ₂
6)	Proximal	56.04	0.00	0.98	8.99	0.00	18.33	11.60	0.54	0.05	96.52	(Nao ₁₅ K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 78(Mg ₃ 91Fe ₁ 07Al ₄ 18)(Si ₈ 80)(OH) ₂
6)	Proximal	54.06	0.00	1.59	12.23	0.00	16.77	11.53	0.71	0.05	96.94	(Nao ₂₀ K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 80(Mg ₃ 63Fe ₁ 34Al ₄ 13)(Si ₇ 86Al ₄ 14)(OH) ₂
6)	Proximal	53.68	0.00	1.91	10.33	0.15	17.31	11.10	0.72	0.04	95.24	(Nao ₂₀ K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 80(Mg ₃ 78Fe ₁ 14Mn ₀ 0.00Al ₄ 19)(Si ₇ 86Al ₄ 14)(OH) ₂
6)	Proximal	54.95	0.01	1.38	10.21	0.58	17.84	11.47	0.61	0.04	97.09	(Na ₀ 17K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 77(Mg ₃ 82Fe ₁ 11Mn ₀ 0.07Al ₄ 03)(Si ₇ 90Al ₄ 01)(OH) ₂
2 m)	Proximal	55.84	0.00	1.85	11.17	0.00	17.30	11.06	0.65	0.06	97.94	(Nao ₁₈ K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 69(Mg ₃ 65Fe ₁ 20Al ₄ 25)(Si ₇ 57Al ₄ 06)(OH) ₂
2 m)	Proximal	55.59	0.00	0.96	9.65	0.00	18.67	11.44	0.60	0.05	96.96	(Nao ₁₇ K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 75(Mg ₃ 95Fe ₁ 05Al ₄ 05)(Si ₇ 57Al ₄ 06)(OH) ₂
2 m)	Proximal	54.06	0.02	2.09	11.47	0.00	17.29	11.41	0.97	0.07	97.37	(Nao ₂₇ K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 76(Mg ₃ 72Fe ₁ 24Al ₄ 15)(Si ₇ 80Al ₄ 06)(OH) ₂
2 m)	Proximal	54.15	0.00	1.20	10.15	0.00	17.38	11.76	0.45	0.02	95.12	Nao ₁₃ Ca ₁ 85(Mg ₃ 80Fe ₁ 12Al ₄ 14)(Si ₇ 95Al ₄ 06)(OH) ₂
2 m)	Proximal	54.91	0.01	1.53	10.61	0.00	17.66	11.42	0.67	0.05	96.85	(Na ₀ 19K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 76(Mg ₃ 79Fe ₁ 15Al ₄ 01)(Si ₇ 91Al ₄ 06)(OH) ₂
5 m)	Distal	40.70	0.30	15.59	22.96	0.38	5.41	10.12	1.88	0.36	97.70	(Nao ₅ 7K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 68(Mg ₁ 25Fe ₂ 69Mn ₀ 0.05Al ₁ 18Ti ₁ 0.04)(Si ₈ 53Al ₄ 67)(OH) ₂
5 m)	Distal	40.53	0.32	15.79	21.99	0.00	5.40	10.40	1.60	0.34	96.37	(Nao ₁₆ K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 74(Mg ₁ 26Fe ₂ 59Al ₁ 25Ti ₁ 0.04)(Si ₈ 54Al ₁ 66)(OH) ₂
5 m)	Distal	38.61	0.31	15.54	22.78	0.00	5.07	10.49	1.94	0.35	95.09	(Nao ₆₀ K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 80(Mg ₁ 21Fe ₂ 75Al ₁ 14Ti ₁ 0.04)(Si ₈ 20Al ₁ 80)(OH) ₂
5 m)	Distal	41.95	0.31	15.19	21.75	0.59	5.72	10.46	1.50	0.35	97.82	(Nao ₄₃ K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 72(Mg ₁ 31Fe ₂ 52Mn ₀ 0.08Al ₁ 21Ti ₁ 0.04)(Si ₈ 45Al ₁ 55)(OH) ₂
5 m)	Distal	40.72	0.26	16.07	22.81	0.73	5.34	10.23	1.72	0.43	98.30	(Nao ₅₂ K ₀ 0)(Ca ₁ 69(Mg ₁ 23Fe ₂ 65Mn ₀ 0.10Al ₁ 22Ti ₁ 0.03)(Si ₈ 29Al ₁ 71)(OH) ₂

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Table 3. Measured $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{VCDT}}$ from sulfides from the Kerry Road area

SAMPLE	$\delta^{34}\text{S}$ (‰)
<u>Pyrrhotite:</u>	
70023	0
70044	-0.8
70048	-0.5
70049	1.1
<u>Pyrite:</u>	
70033	0.8
70039	0.7
70041	1.2
70045	1
70049	1.8
70050	2.1
70051	1.2
70052	0.8
70053	0.7
70057	1.1
70058a	0.7
70058b	1
Field	0.8
<u>Chalcopyrite:</u>	
70023	0.7
70038	0.9
70046	0.3
70054	1.2

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